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The publication of a brief genealogy of certain of the Wallingford (Conn.) Johnsons in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. 55, p. 369, drew out so many inquiries for further information that the author of that article has been prompted to issue a fuller paper than was possible in the limited space afforded by a magazine article. All of the matter in the original article above referred to is incorporated in this enlarged publication.

The material has been obtained in a search for data as to Rev. Jacob Johnson of Wallingford, who spent the first half of his ministry in Groton, Conn., and the latter half in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His biography will be the subject of a subsequent pamphlet.

It has not been possible to determine who was the English progenitor of Jacob, for the earlier genealogies are conflicting, and in the light of present knowledge, inaccurate. We know that the son of the progenitor was William Johnson, one of the founders of Wallingford in 1670, and from him down there is no break in the records. But while we have every reason to believe William was a son of Thomas (who was brother of Robert and John), who emigrated from England about 1638, no documentary proof has yet been found. However, the circumstantial evidence is strong and convincing. The records as far as they go, and also the various inferences, harmonize with and confirm this theory. Besides, there is not a thing which disproves it. Some of the earlier books, "Tuttle Family," "Davis's Wallingford," etc., represent the elder Jacob Johnson "as son of William of Guilford, whereas he was son of William of New Haven. The two Williams were first cousins—the Guilford William was son of the emigrant Robert, the New Haven William was son of the emigrant Thomas. This has caused

confusion. The credit of first correcting the error belongs to Capt. S. Albert Johnson of Boonville, N. Y., who points out that the obscurity around Thomas is explained by his early and sudden death, without leaving will or real estate, he having been drowned soon after his arrival in America.

In a New Haven record of the following year (1641) Robert the emigrant is called "brother of John, late planter in New Haven, deceased." But John was not dead and the index gives the name Thomas instead of John, seemingly to correct an error.

In a court record, April 5, 1655, Robert calls the younger Thomas (who was a son of Thomas the emigrant) his "nephew."

In a court record, December 4, 1660, Adeline, wife of Robert is called "aunt" by Jeremiah, another son of the first Thomas.

The theory that there were three Johnson brothers in the emigration of 1638—John, Robert and Thomas,—that John settled in Rowley, Mass.; that Robert was the progenitor of the Johnsons of Stratford, Conn.; and that Thomas was the progenitor of the Wallingford and New Haven Johnsons under consideration in this pamphlet, is now accepted by all genealogists who have had the facts laid before them. In the N. E. His.-Gen. Reg., vol. 56, p. 132, James Shepard of New Britain, Conn., gives this lineage in an article on the New Haven and Wallingford Johnsons, and on page 297 of the same volume Dr. Bernard C. Steiner of Baltimore accepts the same and furnishes some supplementary matter, derived from the manuscripts of Hon. Ralph D. Smyth of Guilford.

Under date of March 25, 1903, James Shepard writes to the author of this pamphlet:

I have found some evidence to prove that the Smith-Steiner account of the children of the Thomas Johnson who was drowned in 1640 is correct as to two of the said children—Thomas and Jeremiah. (Abstract enclosed.)

This shows that one Thomas Johnson was a nephew of Robert, that said Robert's wife was Adlin (Adeline). That Thomas had a brother Jeremiah and wife Ellen. That Adlin Johnson calls said Ellen cousin (niece) and Jeremiah calls Adlin his aunt and Ellen his sister. The same testimony also shows that this Thomas had a daughter Abigail. This therefore was the Thomas who removed to New Jersey, 1666, and as Jeremiah was his brother and both were nephews of Robert they must have been the sons of Thomas, who died in 1640. Now this does not quite clinch Daniel

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and William as the sons of Thomas, 1640, but if son No. 1 and No. 4 belonged to this Thomas then probably Smith's Nos. 2 and 3 also belonged to him.

Proprietors' Record, vol. 3, p. 17: Thomas Johnson claimed Apr. 7, 1663, a debt in behalf of his father-in-law, Arthur Bostwick, of Stratford, who had a wife Ellen. From this I suppose she was formerly the widow of Thomas Johnson who was drowned in 1640. See Orcut's Stratford.

Proprietors' Record, New Haven, vol. 2, p. 326: Nov. 6, 1660. Inventory and will of Mrs. Elizabeth Godman, late of New Haven, deceased, presented by Thomas Johnson. Adlin Johnson, the wife of Robert Johnson, and Ellen Johnson, the wife of Thomas Johnson, testified Adlin Johnson calls Ellen Johnson her cousin (niece). Thomas Johnson said that his brother, Jeremiah Johnson, could speak to the clearing of the case. Same matter Feb. 5, 1660, p. 330. Jeremiah Johnson testified a question was put to her [Mrs. Godman] (whether by his aunt, Adlin Johnson, or by his sister, Ellen Johnson, he knows not.), etc.

Vol. 2, p. 116: April 3, 1655. Robert Johnson to kinsman Thomas Johnson, p. 166: May 1, 1655. Thomas Johnson to John Johnson above land which he had of his uncle.

There is a tradition of very long standing that the original Connecticut Johnsons came from Cherry-Burton, a village about three miles from the cathedral town of Beverly, in Yorkshire, about six miles north of Rowley.

Dr. William Samuel Johnson visited Yorkshire in 1767 and there met a Mrs. Bell, who was the last survivor of his Johnson family in England. In a letter to his father, Dr. Samuel Johnson, dated York, October 17th, 1767, he wrote:

"When I came to Kingston-on-Hull I found Mr. Bell with the Mayor of the town at a turtle feast at the inn I put up at. I introduced myself to him and he me to the Mayor, etc., and after some time, to his lady, who was very well pleased to see and acknowledge me as a relation. She is a worthy, sensible woman, but has few memorials of the family; both her parents having died when she was two years old. Her father was a lawyer and died at the age of thirty-two. Her grandfather lived upon his estate, which I found was very considerable. Her great uncle was a doctor of physic, eminent in his profession, and by his monument in Cherry-Burton church (which I visited, as well as the family seat there) it appears he died the first of November, 1724, at the age of ninety-four, having survived his wife and seven out of nine children, who all died without issue, the two which survived him never married, by which means the whole estate came to Mrs. Bell. This old Dr. Johnson retained his memory to the last, and as he remembered the transactions of almost a century, had you happened to have met him when you were there in 1723, he could doubtless have told you the circumstances of the emigration of our ancestors, no trace of which can now be discovered." (Life and Cor. of Samuel Johnson, D. D., by Beardsley, p. 319.)

The Stratford Johnsons have a record by Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson in which he tells of the coming of the three brothers from Hull, England, about 1637 to 1640, and he

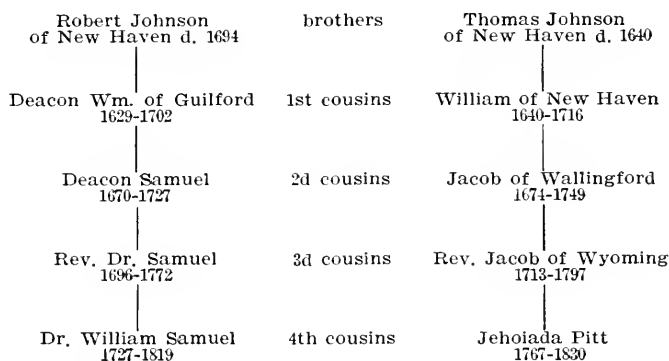
gives the sons of Thomas as Thomas, Daniel, Jeremiah and William. This statement by Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson carries the tradition back to the occasion of his visit to Hull in 1723, and from the intimate companionship which history tells us there existed between Dr. Johnson as a boy and his grandfather William of Guilford (who came from England) there is every reason to believe that he heard it from his own lips. The conclusion is therefore irresistible that the line under consideration is from Thomas. Dr. Samuel Johnson also stated, in the record previously referred to, that Thomas the younger, son of Thomas the emigrant, was the progenitor of the New Jersey Johnsons.

While in England in 1767 Dr. William Samuel Johnson found the family arms in the Heraldry office in London and made copy of the same. The arms were given to Archdeacon Johnson and they are still to be seen on the walls of Uppingham school, Rutland, England, which was founded by him.

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The emigration of the New Haven-Wallingford Johnsons from England was in about 1638, a year in which there came over twenty ships and at least 3,000 persons. The three brothers, John, Robert and Thomas, came from Kingston-on-Hull and landed at Boston. They were Puritans, under the leadership of Ezekiel Rogers, a Cambridge graduate and a clergyman of Rowley in Yorkshire. He and some of his followers settled on the coast of Massachusetts Bay and called their new home Rowley for the old home in England. The three Johnsons left Mr. Rogers at Boston and repaired to the colony of New Haven, where Thomas and Robert permanently settled. John, however, in a year or two returned to Massachusetts and joined his former associates at Rowley. Davis's "History of Wallingford" wrongly says he was killed by Indians. Blodgett's "Early Settlers of Rowley" speaks of him as Captain John and gives the names of his children and grandchildren. Blodgett also says that Elizabeth, a sister of the three emigrant brothers, married Jonathan Platts in Rowley in 1665, and he gives names of their children.

Robert died at New Haven in 1694 and was the ancestor of the Stratford Johnsons. Robert was the father of Deacon William of Guilford (1629-1702); was the grandfather of Deacon Samuel of Stratford (1670-1727); was the great-grandfather of Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, the first Episcopal clergyman in Connecticut; and was the great-great-grandfather of William Samuel Johnson, LL. D., a brilliant lawyer and statesman who as attorney for Connecticut figured prominently in the settlement of the controversy with Pennsylvania over Wyoming. The latter represented Connecticut in the first Colonial Congress in 1765 and signed the remonstrance to the King against the Stamp Act.



Some of the descendants of John the emigrant, who was one of the signers of the New Haven covenant in 1639 (Hoadley's Colonial Records of Conn., vol. 1, p. 17), are given in the N. E. His.-Gen. Reg., v. 56, p. 297.

The line of Robert the emigrant (see Salisbury's Family Histories") is considered in a pamphlet (1902) by James Shepard ("New Haven and Wallingford Johnsons"), from the N. E. His.-Gen. Reg., v. 56; also by Dr. Bernard C. Steiner, page 297 of same volume.

(1) THOMAS JOHNSON, the third of the emigrant brothers, is the one whose line is specially under consideration in this pamphlet. That he was drowned with Thomas Ashley in New Haven harbor in 1640, is shown by the colonial reports of New Haven Colony, pages 31, 59 and

272. His wife was Helena ————. Children of Thomas Johnson according to Ralph Dunning Smyth, the Guilford historian, were as follows:

- 2 i Thomas of New Haven and Newark, N. J., progenitor of the New Jersey Johnsons. Born 1630, married first ————, second Frances Hitchcock, third Elenor ————. Died Nov. 5, 1694, aged 64. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Johnson (Thomas<sup>1</sup>) had Joseph, b. 1651, John, b. 1654, Abigail, b. 1656, Loving, b. 1659, Thomas, b. 1664, Eliphalet, b. 1698.
- 3 ii Daniel, of New Haven. Had son Daniel, m. Martha and had Daniel, b. 1656.
- 4 iii Jeremiah, of New Haven and Derby, Conn. Had Jeremiah, b. 1664, Samuel, b. 1670, Tamar, Benajah.
- + 5 iv William (sometimes mentioned in the records as Wingle or Windle), of New Haven, grandfather of Rev. Jacob Johnson. Writers have confused William with his cousin, Deacon William of Guilford, son of Robert the emigrant, previously mentioned, p. 2. For children see N. E. His.-Gen. Reg., v. 55, p. 369, and "Street Genealogy," p. 15. Savage, v. 2, p. 554, adds a John of Guilford, but his identity is unknown.

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(5) WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> JOHNSON (Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was born in England earlier than 1638. He emigrated to America and married in December, 1664, Sarah, daughter of John and Jane or Jeanne (Wollen or Woolin) Hall, who was born 1643, and baptized by Rev. Mr. Davenport in New Haven Aug. 9, 1646. Ralph D. Smyth gives him a second wife, Abigail, but his first wife Sarah was the mother of all his children. His will does not mention either wife. The inventory amounted to £70, 18s. 2 d. In the town records of New Haven he is sometimes mentioned as Wingle or Windle Johnson. See "John Hall of Wallingford," by James Shepard, page 24; also "Hall Ancestry," page 89.

William Johnson though owning land in Wallingford, did not live there, but resided in New Haven. In the latter city upwards of thirty deeds of land to and from William Johnson are recorded. In some of them he is called "husbandman" and in others "planter." In 1670 he, together with Nathaniel Merriman, John Merriman, Samuel Munson, John Hall, John Moss, John Peck and John Hitchcock (all mentioned in the records) and about thirty others signed the original compact for the settlement of Wallingford and became the original Proprietors, having lots set off for them. That of William Johnson was about 20 rods square, adjoin-



ing lots of Jeremiah Howe and Nathan Andrews. He sold it in 1694 to Isaac Curtis. The conveyance (Wallingford Land Book, v. 1, p. 282,) is an interesting record of those early days:

To all Christian People to whome these presents shall come.  
Greeting

Know ye yt I William Johnson of New haven in ye county of new haven & collony of Connecticut in New England mason with ye consent of Sarah my wife for divers good & well advised considerations & more especial for & in consideration of ten pounds in curent pay Received by me Have Bargained sold assigned alienated & made over & by these presents Doe Bargaine sell Assigne Alienate make over & confirme unto Isaac Curtiss of Wallingford planter A certain percell of home lot land cituate lyeing & being in ye Town of Wallingford being twenty rodds north & southward & nineteen Rodds east & westward . . . . .

To Have & to Hold possess occupy & enjoy ye sd land with all ye Libertyes previlidges wayes woods under woods Trees grass herbage proffits dvantages & appertainances thereto belonging or any wise appertaining To Him ye sd Isaac Curtiss . . . . . without any manner of claim let hinder and eviction ejection disturbance or Mollestation of me ye sd William Johnson or of my heirs Executors administrators or assigns or of from or by any other persons whatsoever claiming or yt may claime under pretenc of my Right title or Interest or by any act default or consent of mine or by my procuremen in any wise directly or indirectly

In Witness wherof we ye above named William & Sarah Johnson have hereunto set our marks & seals

dated this 20th day of January 1694 & in ye Sixt year of there majestie Reign William & Mary King & Queen of England Scotland franc & Ireland Defenders of ye faith &c

In ye presence of

Richard Spery  
Moses Mansfield

his  
William X Johnson [Seal]  
mark  
her  
Sarah X Johnson [Seal]  
mark

William Johnson Senior appeared this 20th of March 1694 & acknowledged ye above written Instrument or deed of Sail to be his free act & deed according to Law before me Moses Mansfield Assistant Recorder per Joseph Houltre

William died in 1716. The will, recorded as that of "William Johnson, senior of New Haven," was made in March, 1716, and probated in the following August, v. 4, p. 450. Bequests to son William, £20; son Isaac, £10, and his wife, 40 shillings; and his children, 40s.; sons John, Samuel and Ebenezer, each 5s.; son Jacob, 20s.; daughter, Mary Bishop, 40s.; daughters, Abigail Lines, Sarah Horton, Lydia Andrews and Elizabeth Hotchkiss, each 15s.; "the several sums in money at inventory price"; "All my real estate shall be comprised to pay my debts and legacies"; remainder to son Isaac, who is named as executor.

## Children of William and Sarah (Hall) Johnson:

- 6 i Lieut. William, born Sept. 5, 1665, died 1742. Was a prominent man in New Haven. Left widow Sarah, four sons and three married daughters.
- 7 ii John, born July 20, 1667, died 1744; married Abigail, daughter of Daniel and Abiah (Street) Sherman. Born Aug. 5, 1667. Three children. "Street Family," p. 15.
- 8 iii Isaac, of Woodbridge, Conn., called deacon and captain in the records. Born Oct. 27, 1672, died Oct. 27, 1750. Married April 25, 1699, Abigail, daughter of John and Mary (Tompson) Cooper, born Oct. 3, 1679. Her epitaph is given in New Haven His. Society papers, vol. 3, page 544.
- 9 iv Abraham, born 1669. Not named in father's will.
- 10 v Abigail, born December 6, 1670. Married March 30, 1692, Joseph Lines, son of Ralph, born 1657.
- + 11 vi Sergeant Jacob, of Wallingford, born Sept. 25, 1674, died July 17, 1749. Married Abigail, daughter of John and Abigail (Merriman) Hitchcock. (N. E. His.-Gen. Register for October, 1901.)
- 12 Sarah, born Nov. 6, 1676. Married Samuel Horton. She was in 1742 a widow with five children. (New Haven Probate, vol. 6, page 406.)
- 13 vii Samuel, born Sept. 3, 1678. Married Anna Hotchkiss, daughter of Thomas. New Haven Land Records, v. 10, p. 243.
- 14 viii Mary, born April 1, 1680, m. Samuel Bishop, Jr., b. July 27, 1671.
- 15 ix Lydia, b. July 7, 1681, m. about 1699, Gideon Andrews, son of Nathan and Phebe (Gibbard) Andrews. New Haven Probate Record, v. 10, p. 373.
- 16 x Hope, b. May 10, 1685, d. same month.
- 17 xi Elizabeth, b. May 10, 1685, twin with Hope, m. Abraham Hotchkiss, son of Thomas. ("Hotchkiss Family.")
- 18 xii Ebenezer, b. April 5, 1688, m. Lydia Hotchkiss, daughter of Thomas. Ebenezer d. of smallpox at Cheshire, Conn., April 18, 1732. They had several children recorded at Wallingford. His widow m. Sept. 15, 1736, Nathaniel Hall of Wallingford.

It will be noted that three of William Johnson's children married three of the children of Thomas Hotchkiss. The latter was one of the nine children of Samuel Hotchkiss, progenitor of the Hotchkiss family in America. Shepard says the proof of parentage in the three marriages mentioned above, is found in the New Haven Land Records, v. 10, p. 243, where Joseph and Sarah Turner, Samuel and Anna Johnson, all of New Haven, Nathaniel Hall and Lydia Hall, both of Wallingford, sell to Joseph Sperry, Jr., "right in estate of our honored father, Thomas Hotchkiss, deceased."

(11) SERGEANT JACOB JOHNSON<sup>3</sup> (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) of Wallingford, born in New Haven, Sept. 25, 1674, d. July 17, 1749, married Dec. 14, 1693, Abigail, daughter of John

and Abigail (Merriman) Hitchcock.\* He was sergeant of the Wallingford Train Band. Is referred to as "sergeant" in a deed recorded in 1752 and also in the probate records. He was deputy for Wallingford to the General Court in 1721, 1732, 1733 and 1736 (Col. Rec. of Conn., vol. 6, page 233; vol. 7, pages 403 and 420, vol. 8, page 27). He was an extensive land owner and left an estate valued at over £14,000. This, however, was in the inflated Old Tenor currency with which Connecticut was at that time burdened. For example, horses were inventoried at £60 and £70, cows £20 and higher. The land comprised about 400 acres and there were several slaves.

His epitaph on a well preserved redstone in the Wallingford burying ground is as follows:

Here lieth the body  
of Mr. Jacob Johnson  
Died July 17, 1749  
in the 75th year of his age

His will is dated June 3, 1749, and is in the New Haven Probate Records, v. 7, p. 520. Names his sons Abner and Caleb executors. Makes among others the following provisions:

Son (Rev.) Jacob to have negro man Dick and negro woman Deft.

Son Reuben to have £50, old tenor. After that to share equally with rest of sons.

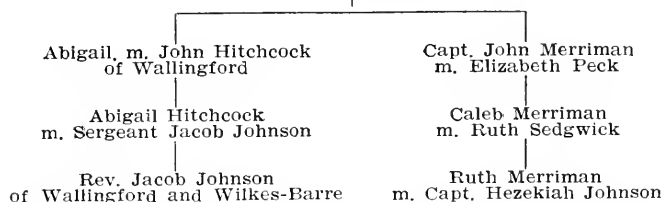
To Eunice Johnson, daughter of son Israel, deceased, £50 money, old tenor.

My books to be equally divided among my wife and children.

From the inventory, the following items are selected: Richard, negro, £140; "Sabbath-day house and land it stands on," £36; \*\* a wigg, one pair sleeve buttons and silver buckles, 16 shillings. Two pair of buckles, 18s. One great bible, 120s.; other bible, testaments and a good sized library, £531, black horse £70, brown horse £60, yoke oxen £60, pair stags £50, six cows £20 to £22 each.

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\* Lieut. Nathaniel Merriman, b. 1640




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\*\*As the meeting houses were not warmed in those early times, it was customary for some individual to build near the church, what was called a Sabbath-day house. It was about 16 feet square and was heated with a fire place and furnished with rough seats. During the noon recess between the services, the people were wont to meet here to warm themselves and eat dinner.

Red steer £15, bull £20, 2 two year olds £17, 6 swine, £40, 44 sheep £80, several spinning wheels, flax, tow, wool, linen yarn, etc., pewter chamber pot, gun, sword, horn, powder, bullets, lead flints, looking glasses, hat case, chests of drawers, "2 picters" 6s., "saddle, bridle and strap" £4-10, "saddle that was Capt. Holt's de'd £3-25, glasses, drinking glasses, vials and small glasses £4, 1 pillion 40s., warming pan 80s., 6 black chairs straight backs £3, 4 flat back 40s., 2 Great chairs and 4 little chairs, 52s.; box iron and heaters 40s., andirons 60s.; large assortment of kitchen ware, old great table 10s., cheese piers 10s., razor, 12 spoons 12s, 4 horne knives and 8 forks 25s.

Jacob Johnson's wife, Abigail Hitchcock, d. Jan. 9, 1726, and he subsequently m. Dorcas Linsley of Branford, Conn., but there was no issue from second marriage.

#### Children of Jacob and Abigail Johnson :

- 19 i Reuben, b. Aug. 27, 1694, m. Mar. 11, 1718, Mary Dayton, (Tuttle Family, page 214). Children: Justus, b. 1721, Ephraim, Rebecca, Zaccheus. Ephraim, I am informed, had a son Luther and a daughter Content. Luther at age of 23 was in Revolutionary War.
- Since the above was in type, it is learned that Geo. Ransom Johnson (see 44) has an old accountbook of (44) Daniel, son of (26) Daniel, stating as follows concerning (19) Reuben:
 

"Reuben had two sons, Ephraim and Zaccheus. This Ephraim had two sons, Luther and John. This Luther had four sons, Ephraim, John, George and Elihu." The same record says the emigrant ancestor, Thomas, was the son of John in England. The Wallingford records say Luther was born June 25, 1759 and enlisted from Wallingford in 1776.
- + 20 ii Deacon Isaac, b. Feb. 21, 1696, d. Apr. 23, 1779. Wallingford Records, vol. 1, p. 158.
- 21 iii Enos, 1698-1786. Had a son Enos, perhaps Sherburn.
- 22 iv Abigail, b. 1699, m. Capt. Benj. Holt, "Tuttle Family," p. 214.
- + 23 v Capt. Abner, b. Aug. 2, 1702, d. Dec. 28, 1759 m. Charity, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Tuttle) Dayton of New Haven. (Tuttle Family p. 214.)
- 24 vi Lieut. Caleb, 1703-1777, m. Rachel Brockett.
- 25 vii Israel, 1705-1747, m. Jan. 26, 1732 Sarah Miles. Children, according to Davis' "History of Wallingford:" Eunice b. 1734, Prudence b. 1738, Caleb b. 1739, Anna b. 1736, Miles b. 1741, Warren b. 1747, Jacob b. 1742, Rebecca b. 1744, Silas b. 1749.
- + 26 viii Daniel, 1709-1780, m. Dec. 24, 1732 Joanna Preston.
- 27 ix Sarah, b. 1710, m. May 9, 1734, Daniel Bartholomew, b. 1708. Daniel was the "toler and brander of the horsekinde, key-keeper & church pound keeper, tithingman, selectman and school director." Bartholomew Family, p. 86, wrongly states she was daughter of Lieut. Caleb. She was his sister.
- + 28 x Rev. Jacob Johnson, b. at Wallingford, Conn., Apr. 15, 1713 (town records), d. at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mar. 15, 1797.

The "Hitchcock Genealogy" mentions all of the foregoing children and two others: Eunice, b. June, 1697. Lydia, d. June 3, 1729. The same work also says:

"Matthias Hitchcock was one of the original signers of the 'fundamental agreement' of the New Haven colony. John Hitchcock (son of Matthias) was one of the original proprietors of Wallingford, founded 1670. He m. first

(1670) Abigail Merriman (born 1654), daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman, who was one of the first settlers of Wallingford. John Hitchcock's first three children were b. in New Haven 1671 to 1674 and he removed to Wallingford in 1676. Children of John Hitchcock:

- i A daughter.
- ii Samuel.
- iii Abigail, m. Jacob Johnson.
- iv Mary, m. Benj. Beach.
- v Nathaniel, m. Sarah Jennings.
- vi Margery, m. Joseph Munson.
- vii Elizabeth, prob. m. Daniel Lines.
- viii John, m. Marlow Munson.
- ix Matthias, m. Thankful Andrews.
- x Hannah, prob. m. John Lines.
- xi Damaris, m. Sylvanus Clark.
- xii Benj., m. Elizabeth Ives.

The above Abigail<sup>3</sup> Hitchcock (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *Matthias*<sup>1</sup>), daughter of John and Abigail (Merriman) Hitchcock, was b. in New Haven, Conn., Apr. 10, 1674. She m. Dec. 14, 1697, Jacob Johnson, son of William, who was b. 1669. She was the mother of his 12 children and died Jan. 9, 1726. Sergt. Jacob Johnson was a kinsman of Samuel Johnson, first president of King's College."

(20) DEACON ISAAC JOHNSON<sup>4</sup> (*Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 21, 1696, d. Apr. 23, 1779. Married Nov. 26, 1723, Sarah Osborne, who d. Nov. 16, 1766, Wallingford records, v. 17, p. 198. Query—Is this the Sarah Osborne, daughter of Jeremiah, in Austin's Gen. Dict. of Rhode Island? Children of Isaac Johnson, from town records, v. 5, pp. 515-551:

- 28½ i Joseph, b. 1725.
- 29 ii Abigail, b. Feb. 11, 1727. (Davis says 1722).
- 30 iii Sarah, b. Feb. 10, 1729.
- + 31 iv Isaac, b. June 23, 1731.
- 32 v Esther, b. Nov. 30, 1735.
- 33 vi Rachel, b. Mar. 6, 1740, m. Stephen Todd, b. Mar. 3, 1735, son of Stephen and Lydia (Ives) Todd. They removed to Salisbury, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1792. Issue: Jehiel, b. 1761, who m. Hannah Steel; Stephen, b. 1773, Bethel b. 1792, m. Hannah Tuttle. This family is being traced by Mrs. William H. Faust, of Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 34 vii Rebecca, b. 1744.  
The statement is made in "Munson Family," p. 92, that Samuel Munson, b. 1741, m. Rhoda, daughter of Deacon Isaac Johnson.

Town clerk's examination of all the books from 1720 to 1760 shows no other children of Isaac and Sarah than those given above.

Davis's "Wallingford," p. 833, gives all of above except Rebecca and gives in addition Lois, b. Feb. 15, 1738, but the

town clerk says Lois was daughter of an Isaac and Elizabeth ———.

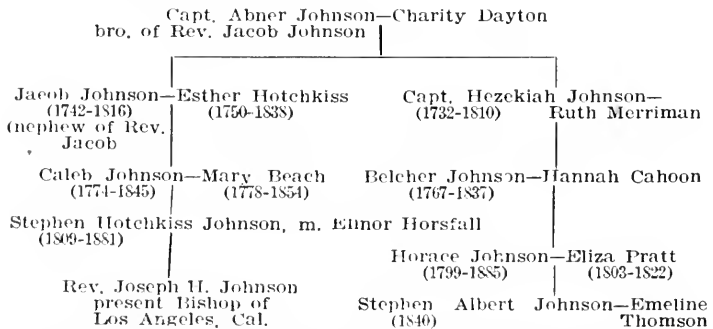
The Wallingford town clerk informs me that there was an Isaac, who m. Elizabeth ———, but he cannot find record of their births or marriage. They had two children, Hannah, b. Sept. 13, 1733, and Lois (or Lowys), b. Feb. 15, 1738. Vol. 5, pp. 507, 540. Also that one Deacon Isaac Johnson m. Mrs. Elizabeth Beddles, Apr. 16, 1767; vol. 17, p. 196.

(23) CAPT. ABNER JOHNSON<sup>4</sup>, (11) *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) of Wallingford, born Aug. 2, 1702, died Dec. 28, 1757, married Dec. 14, 1726, Charity, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Tuttle) Dayton and great granddaughter of Ralph Dayton, the colonist.

Like his father and grandfather, Abner was a large land owner. He was a merchant ("Tuttle Family," p. 214). Was commissioned Captain of the first Train Band of Wallingford at the session of the general court held at New Haven, May, 1749. His will made May 7, 1757, and recorded in New Haven Probate Records, vol. 9, pp. 132-3, mentions four sons, Dayton, Hezekiah, Abner and Jacob.

Children of Abner and Charity Johnson:

- 35 i Dayton, b. 1728.
- 36 ii Lydia (1730-1812), m. Ebenezer Fitch. They were great-grandparents of Col. Elliott F. Shepard of New York.
- + 37 iil Capt. Hezekiah, b. Mar. 12, 1732, d. Feb. 21, 1810.
- 38 iv Abner, b. 1738, graduated Yale.
- + 39 v Jacob, b. July 31, 1742, d. June 10, 1816, m. 1767 Esther Hotchkiss, b. 1750, d. 1838. Removed to Johnstown, N. Y. Was in the Revolutionary Army. Nephew of Rev. Jacob Johnson.
- 40 vi Charity, b. May 19, 1744.



These lines are being traced by S. Albert Johnson, Boonville, N. Y., and Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, bishop of Los Angeles.

(26) DANIEL JOHNSON<sup>4</sup> (*Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>). He was a trial justice under the King. Born 1709, d. Oct. 14, 1780, m. Dec. 24, 1732, Joanna Preston. She was b. Mar. 18, 1714, d. Jan. 18, 1781. Children:

- 41 i Charles<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 13, 1735, d. at sea.
- + 42 ii Capt. Solomon, b. May 4, 1740. Line being traced by Edward H. Johnson, Philadelphia.
- 43 iii Joanna, b. Apr. 4, 1743.
- + 44 iv Lieut. Daniel, b. Mar. 24, 1746. Line being traced by Geo. Ransom Johnson, Cheshire, Conn.
- 45 v Israel, b. July 8, 1748.
- 46 vi Justin, b. Mar. 4, 1752.
- 47 vii Abigail, b. Dec. 23, 1753.
- 48 viii Joshua, b. July 26, 1757.
- 49 ix Mindwell, b. May 19, 1733.
- 50 x Rebecca, b. Mar. 29, 1759.

(28) REV. JACOB<sup>4</sup> JOHNSON (*Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), born at Wallingford, April 7, 1713; died March 15, 1797. While pastor at North Groton, he married Mary, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel and Mary (Williams) Giddings, of Preston, Conn. She was born Nov. 28, 1730, and died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 18, 1805. His biography is given in Dexter's Graduates of Yale, but it is erroneous as to parentage and year of birth.

Rev. Jacob Johnson's monument at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has the following epitaph:

Rev. Jacob Johnson, A. M. | Born at Wallingford, Conn., April 7, 1713. | Died at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 15, 1797. | Graduated at Yale College, 1740. | Pastor of Congregational Church, | Groton, Conn., 1749-1772. | First pastor of Wilkes-Barre Congregational | (subsequently First Presbyterian) | 1772-1797. | He made missionary journeys to the | Six Nations, | Preaching in the Indian language. | He was an early and outspoken advocate | of American liberty and a commanding | figure in the early history of | Wyoming. | He wrote the articles of capitulation | following the destruction of the | infant settlement | by the British and Indians | in 1778 | and was a firm and self-sacrificing | defender of the Connecticut title | throughout the prolonged land contest. |

Children, all born in Connecticut, but lived and died in Wilkes-Barre:

- + 51 i Jehoiaada Pitt Johnson, b. 1767, d. 1830. Left large family.
- 52 ii Jacob Johnson, b. about 1765, d. May, 1807. Had two daughters: Mary B., m Phineas Nash Foster. Lydia, m. A. Smith. The Wyoming Herald, Oct. 18, 1822, mentions the marriage "at Groton, Conn., of Mr. A. Smith of Aurelius, N. Y., to Miss Lydia Johnson, formerly of Wilkes-Barre." Mr. and Mrs. Foster had one child, Charles D. Foster, b. Nov. 25, 1836, who m. Mary J. Hoagland of New Jersey, and they had two children: Florence, m. Dr. Frank T. Jenkins, son of Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins. U. S. N., and Lily, died young. Mr. Foster's ancestor, Thomas Nash, was one of the founders of New Haven, Conn., he having come to America with Rev. John Davenport's company in 1637.

- + 53 iii Lydia, b. in 1756, m. Col. Zebulon Butler, commander of the patriot forces in the battle of Wyoming.  
 54 iv Christiana Olive, m. William Russell, who had a pottery on River street below Union. She died Jan. 16, 1830, (or 1834). He died July 10, 1829.

There were also two daughters of (28) Rev. Jacob Johnson who died in infancy: Zipporah, in 1764, aged 2 years. There were "little sisters and a little brother Jacob," as learned from a published sermon of Rev. Jacob Johnson dated 1765.

According to the Russell bible William was the son of William Russell and Mehitabel Cowen (who were married Jan. 4, 1773). He was born Feb. 15, 1774, and died July 10, 1829. He was married to Christiana Olive Johnson March 25, 1801, by Doctor Matthew Covell, a magistrate. They had no children.

The following is taken from Peck's "Early Methodism," and the introductory statement is by Rev. William Colbert, a pioneer Methodist preacher. The writer of the lines, Miss Christiana Johnson, subsequently married William Russell.

"Preached in the court house (1792) at Wilkes-Barre. Made a public collection and got 13s. and 8 d. I received a friendly letter to-day from Miss Christiana Johnson, a young woman, I believe, of good sense and of an excellent spirit. What she has in friendship addressed to me in verse, I shall here for my own satisfaction, insert verbatim:"

You, Sir, have ventured thus to come  
 A wild and craggy road,  
 Willingly left your former home  
 To visit our abode.

I hope your labor'll not be spent  
 In vain along our shores  
 Nor you have reason to repent  
 You came within our doors.

And may your path with flowers be spread,  
 While through the woods you rove,  
 May you with joy the carpet tread  
 Throughout the Luzerne grove.

May heaven grant you sweet repast—  
 Religion all your theme;  
 Each day be happier than the last  
 Along the winding stream.

And when these borders you do leave,  
 And can no longer stay,  
 May you a laurel crown receive  
 That never fades away.



"We have copied these lines," says Peck, "as illustrative of the times. Miss Johnson was a daughter of 'old Priest Johnson,' as he is called by the older people who remember him. He was a Presbyterian minister who came into the country with the early Yankee settlers, was in Forty Fort on the day of the battle, and went to John Butler's headquarters with others with a flag of truce, and assisted in negotiating the capitulation. The daughter who wrote the above lines became a Methodist, married a Methodist and died in the Methodist faith and in the communion of the Methodist Church. Her conversion to Methodism affords undoubted evidence that, as a distinct form of Christianity, it had already attained considerable influence over the public mind in Wyoming. We have copied Miss Christiana's rhymes to Mr. Colbert, not because there is much of the spirit of the muses in them, but as a specimen of the literature and sentiment of that early period of the history of our country. Like the old patriotic ballads, it is valuable as a specimen of home-made poetry, as well as an evidence of ardent piety and generous hospitality."

(31) ISAAC JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Deacon Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Sergeant Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>). Born June 23, 1731. He disappears from the Wallingford records and is perhaps the Isaac who removed to Massachusetts, locating near Hadley, at a place locally known as Hockanum, the name of the old home in Hartford County, Connecticut, adjoining New Haven County, in which Wallingford is located. He evidently married one Abigail —, elsewhere than at Wallingford, as there is no record of his marriage there. See (20) Deacon Isaac.

Children of Isaac and Abigail, from Wallingford town records:

- 55 i David, b. June 24, 1758. Vol. 13, p. 562.
- 56 ii Mary, b. Feb. 14, 1759. Vol. 17, p. 203.
- 57 iii Lois, b. Dec. 29, 1761.
- 58 iv Stephen Shipman, b. Oct. 22, 1763.
- 59 v Isaac, b. Jan. 2, 1766.
- 60 vi Warren, b. Jan. 9, 1768.

The Hadley Johnsons say their progenitor was Isaac and that he was from Wallingford. Whether he is (31) Isaac<sup>5</sup> (*Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) or not cannot be settled by information now at hand. They say their ancestor Isaac

was born in 1735 or 1736 and that he married one Elizabeth ———, who was b. 1735, d. 1808, and who may have been a second wife. This Isaac had a son Stephen, b. 1762 or 1763. The elder Isaac and son Stephen went to Hadley from Ellington, Tolland Co., Conn., which is up the Connecticut River about 40 miles, or about 60 miles from Wallingford. The line as taken from gravestones and family records at Hadley is furnished as follows by Clifton Johnson:

Isaac, b. 1735 or 1736, m. Elizabeth ———, who was born in 1735, died 1808. They had, among other children,

Stephen, b. Aug. 5, 1762 (or 1763), m. in 1791 Sarah Lyman, who was b. 1770, d. 1835. Stephen and Sarah had Alfred, Sally (m. Pomeroy), Julia Ann (m. Hammond) and

Stephen, b. 1800, d. 1882, m. Catherine Root, b. 1809, d. 1870. They had Cornelia, m. Nash; Laura, m. Richards, Elliott; and Chester Lorenzo, b. 1834, father of Clifton Johnson.

Stephen, above (b. 1762), had a son Alfred, who had a son Rev. Myron A., who has a son Rev. Walter De Forest Johnson of Wilkes-Barre.

(37) CAPT. HEZEKIAH JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Abner*<sup>4</sup>, *Sergeant Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) of Wallingford and Hamden, Conn. Born Mar. 12, 1732, d. Feb. 21, 1810, m. Nov. 1753, Ruth, daughter of Caleb and Ruth (Sedgwick) Merriman, great grand-daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman the colonist, (one of the original proprietors of Wallingford,) and of Major General Robert Sedgwick of Charlestown, Mass. Charter member and thrice captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston. A distinguished soldier under Cromwell, Governor of Jamaica, etc., etc. He was a soldier of the Revolution, having enlisted at the time of the Lexington alarm. Also served in Capt. Nathaniel Johnson's company, Col. William Douglass, Fifth Battalion of Connecticut, from June to December, 1776, in Washington's army at New York. Also was a volunteer under Gen. Gates in 1777. (Record in Adj. Gen. office, Hartford, Conn.) When the British, under Benedict Arnold, threatened the Connecticut coast, he led a company of volunteers from Wallingford to the defense of New London and was in the engagement there:

Children of (37) Capt. Hezekiah Johnson:

- 61 i Caleb, b. July 18, 1759, graduate of Yale.
- 62 ii George, b. Nov. 7, 1760.
- 63 iii Charles, b. Nov. 2, 1762.
- 64 iv Lucinda, b. July 18, 1763.
- 65 v Ruth, b. May 23, 1765, m. Asabel Hall.
- + 66 vi Belcher, b. 1767, d. 1837.
- 67 vii Hezekiah, m. Elizabeth Tuttle and lived at Hamden, Conn. (For biog. sketch of son Sylvanus see Iowa Historical Record, April, 1902.)

The tombstones of Capt. Hezekiah and Ruth Johnson in the burying ground at Hamden, Conn., bear these inscriptions:

In Memory of CAPT. HEZEKIAH JOHNSON Who Died February 21st 1810 Ae. 77	Sacred To the Memory of MRS. RUTH JOHNSON Wife of Capt. Hezekiah Johnson Who Departed This Life December 12th 1817 Ae. 77
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Let each who has a soul to save  
Extend his view beyond the grave  
And while salvation still is nigh  
To Christ the friend of sinners fly.

Let not the dead forgotten lie  
Lest men forget that they must die.

(39) JACOB JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Abner*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 31, 1742, d. June 10, 1816. Removed to Johnstown, N. Y., about 1800. Was in War of Revolution, 1776 to 1783. Married Esther Hotchkiss (1750-1838). Had eight children. Had a son Jacob, who m. Sarah Jewett and who with the three other Jacobs is confused in the Tuttle Genealogy. (39) Jacob's son Caleb had a large family, among his sons being Hon. Stephen Hotchkiss Johnson, Judge of Schenectady County, father of the Right Rev. Joseph H. Johnson (b. 1847) Protestant Episcopal bishop of Los Angeles, California.

(42) CAPTAIN SOLOMON JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> of Wallingford (*Daniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 4, 1740, d. Apr. 4, 1799. Was a Revolutionary soldier and sea captain. Married Dec. 6, 1765, Mary Barker (b. Mar. 10, 1742, d. Sept. 7, 1825). Left a son Charles<sup>6</sup>:

Charles<sup>6</sup>, (Solomon<sup>5</sup>), b. May 3, 1767, in Wallingford, d. Sept. 22, 1848, in Durham, N. Y. Was captain of a troop of horse in Durham, N. Y. Charles married Elizabeth Rice of New Haven, Conn., who was born Oct. 22, 1769, d. Dec. 25, 1840. Charles left a son, Solomon Rice Johnson<sup>7</sup>:

Solomon Rice Johnson<sup>7</sup>, b. August, 1797, in Durham, d. Nov. 5, 1833, in Durham, N. Y., m. Oct. 12, 1828, Mary Whittlesey of Saybrook, Conn., b. Dec. 12, 1797, d. Dec. 3, 1829. Left a son, Solomon Whittlesey Johnson<sup>8</sup>:

Solomon Whittlesey Johnson<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1829, in Durham, N. Y., m. Sept. 15, 1853, Adelaide Hine, b. Feb. 12, 1830, in Cairo, N. Y. Had a son, Edward Hine Johnson<sup>9</sup>:

Edward Hine Johnson<sup>9</sup>, b. June 29, 1854, in New York City, graduate of Yale, m. Dec. 12, 1883, Frances Van Leer Earle of Philadelphia, b. Oct. 27, 1858. Had a son, Edward Earle Johnson<sup>10</sup>.

Edward Earle Johnson<sup>10</sup>, b. Oct. 31, 1884, in Philadelphia.

(44) LIEUT. DANIEL JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Sergeant Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. ——— 24, 1746, d. Sept. 2, 1830, m. Rebecca Hitchcock, Apr. 19, 1781, b. Jan. 18, 1749, d. July 25, 1813.

Children of Daniel and Rebecca:

- 68 i Cephas, b. Jan. 8, 1782.
- 69 ii Augustus, b. June 27, 1783
- 70 iii Willett, b. July 23, 1785.
- 71 iv Dan., b. Mar. 31, 1787.
- 72 v Ransom, b. Aug. 27, 1788
- 73 vi Louisa, b. Apr. 25, 1791. Married Amos Curtis of Meriden, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis left two children, Lucy, wife of Edgar Munson of Williamsport, Pa., and Sylvester Johnson Curtis of New York City. Mrs. Munson had two sons, C. La Rue Munson of Williamsport and Robert H. Munson of Bay Mills, Mich. The latter has one son, Thomas H. Curtis.

Of the children of Daniel and Rebecca, Cephas had two sons: Edward died without issue. Franklin left two sons and two daughters, Homer R., Elmer F., Minnie and Emma. Willett was impressed aboard a man-of-war in 1812 and never heard from after. Augustus and Dan, no descendants. (72) Ransom was a clergyman, married Esther Frost, Sept. 8, 1812.

Children of Ransom and Esther:

- i Horace<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 12, 1814; ii Rebecca, b. Jan. 25, 1818; iii Richard, b. Apr. 25, 1823; Esther R., b. Dec. 30, 1827; Laura A., b. Aug. 25, 1833.

The above Horace<sup>7</sup>, son of Rev. Ransom<sup>6</sup>, married Aurelia Bishop March 31, 1839. Children: Maria A., b. Mar. 2, 1840; Mary A., July 28, 1842; William E., b. Feb. 20, 1845; George Ransom Johnson, b. Apr. 8, 1848; Ellen C., b. Aug. 30, 1853; Emily E., b. Sept. 18, 1855.

George Ransom Johnson<sup>8</sup> (Horace<sup>7</sup>) married Antoinette F. Norton May 31, 1883. Children: George Welles, b. May 18, 1884; Bertha A., b. Mar. 5, 1886; Robert James, b. June 11, 1888. Dorothy Estella, b. Oct. 11, 1890; Joseph Ransom, b. Nov. 21, 1893; Louisa Maria, b. Oct. 15, 1899.

(51) JEHOIADA PITT JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1767, "while the animated discussions preceding the Revolution were going on, and the elder Pitt was thundering his anathemas in Parliament against the ministers for their tyrannous conduct to the colonies; his father named him Jehoiada Pitt (Jehoiada, the Knowledge of God, Pitt from the patriot orator), showing at once the religious bearing of his mind and his zeal for freedom." The quotation is from Charles Miner, the historian of Wyoming. Jehoiada was a child of only five years when his father in 1772 located in Wilkes-Barre as first settled pastor of the frontier settlement. While yet a youth the troublous times in which he lived caused him to take a lively interest in the controversy between Connecticut and Pennsylvania over Wyoming and in 1784, when he was only 17 years old, we find him actively engaged with the Yankees (Connecticut claimants) in what is known as the Pennamite War. Miner relates (page 356) that he was one of nearly a hundred Connecticut men who were arrested at Wilkes-Barre by the Pennsylvania authorities on the charge of "treason." Some of the prisoners were sent to Northumberland jail and some to the Sunbury jail.

Jehoiada P. Johnson became an active business man of his day. He removed from Wilkes-Barre to Laurel Run, present Borough of Parsons, near Wilkes-Barre, about 1810, in which year he built a grist mill there and conducted it successfully for many years. Laurel Run was at that early day a hamlet which was for years the centre of important milling and manufacturing interests. Daniel Downing built a saw mill there in 1800, and the same was in constant use till 1842. Capt. Hezekiah Parsons built a carding and fulling mill. Other industries sprang up later. Jehoiada P. Johnson was prominent in the business and educational life of this active community in those early days, and here he raised a large family. The Wilkes-Barre Gazette and Sentinel for Feb. 9, 1801, mentions that he was one of the poormasters in 1799, and this was the only office he ever held. He died at the old home, Jan. 8, 1830, and a local paper, the Democrat, said of him:

"Died at his residence in Wilkes-Barre Township, Jan. 8, 1830, Mr. Jehoiada Pitt Johnson, in the 63rd year of his age. The deceased had been an inhabitant of this part of the country since almost the years of his infancy. And although too young to participate in the first struggle in the settlement of this valley, yet he has been actively engaged in many which have been subsequent. He has always pursued a private path, unambitious of public honor. The general outlines of his character are expressed in a few words—he was a kind husband—an affectionate father—a worthy citizen—and an honest man."

Hon. Hendrick B. Wright wrote of him in the Luzerne Union:

"Jehoiada lived many years near Laurel Run, an industrious, honest man. I knew him well. He was among the representative men of the Wyoming Valley. Tall, straight and erect, at least six feet. I often saw him when Ovid and I were youths together. I knew him intimately for nearly or quite half a century, and during all of that long time he was a man of honesty, of integrity, and in every way a good citizen."

Jehoiada P. Johnson married Hannah, daughter of Robert Frazer, a descendant of the Frazers of Lovat Dale in Scotland, and the family was said to be related to the unfortunate Sir Simon Frazer, Lord Lovat.

Robert was being educated for the kirk, but being a young man at the time of Wolfe's expedition against the French in Canada he left his school and enlisted in the British army, and fought as a sergeant under that brave but unfortunate general at Quebec and received a musket shot wound in the elbow on the plains of Abraham. He finally came to Wyoming with the Connecticut adventurers, where he was engaged in teaching the youth of the infant settlement for many years. A Robert Frazer served in the Revolution on the U. S. frigate *Confederacy*, as shown by the Connecticut Revolutionary records, and after coming to Pennsylvania he drew a pension from the Philadelphia office for Revolutionary services, but he was not this Robert.

Robert Frazer lived on a tract of land below Plymouth. In the "Proceedings of the Commissioners under the Confirming Law," manuscript records in the archives of the Wyoming Historical Society, Col. Obadiah Gore testified as follows: "The Robert Frazer above named, dwelt on the land [a tract on the west side of the river a little below Plymouth] about 1773 and continued there till the year 1777, when he enlisted under the deponent in the late war." Robert Frazer died in 1790 and letters of administration were issued to his wife Sarah and Robert Faulkner, Jesse Fell and Nathan Carey were sureties in the sum of £200.

Simon Fraser, the Scottish chieftain, known in history as Lord Lovat, born about the year 1676, was the second son of Thomas Fraser, third son of Hugh, seventh Lord Lovat. Lord Lovat's mother was Sybilla, daughter of the chief of the Macleods. The Frasers were of Norman origin. A Pierre Fraser went to England with William the Conqueror. His grandson settled in the south of Scotland, whence the family branched off into Aberdeenshire and Invernesshire, the latter branch furnishing most of the Frasers of this country, who now number about 7,000. Simon Fraser was Lord Lovat the twelfth. In the insurrection of 1745 he was charged with trying to play a double game, by sending forth his clan, under the command of his son, to fight for the Pretender and deeply plotting for that cause, while he professed to be a loyal subject. He was a special object of the vengeance of the government, and after a trial by his peers was beheaded on April 9, 1747.

Hannah Frazer, wife of Jehoiada P. Johnson, died Aug. 23, 1855, aged 73 years.

Children of Jehoiada P. and Hannah F. Johnson:

- + 74 i Ovid Frazer, b. Mar. 25, 1807, d. Feb. 12, 1853.
- + 75 ii Mary Giddings, b. Nov. 3, 1809, d. Nov. 12, 1880.
- + 76 iii Jehoiada, b. Jan. 20, 1812, d. Dec. 31, 1871.
- + 77 iv William P., b. Mar. 14, 1814, d. Jan. 26, 1893.
- + 78 v Miles, b. Mar. 16, 1816, d. Oct. 6, 1889.
- + 79 viii Sarah, A., b. Mar. 18, 1824, d. Apr. 20, 1903, Columbus, O.
- + 80 vi Priestley R., b. Dec. 20, 1819, d. July 5, 1878.
- + 81 vii Wesley, b. Dec. 20, 1819, d. Oct. 27, 1892.
- 82 ix Diantha, b. Sept. 22, 1826, d. Nov. 4, 1874, unmarried.
- 83 x Zipporah, d. Sept. 18, 1806, aged 20 mos.
- 84 Christiana, b. about 1817, d. in infancy.

(53) LYDIA JOHNSON<sup>5</sup> (*Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Groton, Connecticut, 1756, and was the second wife of Col. Zebulon Butler (married August, 1775), who commanded the patriot forces in the battle of Wyoming, July 3, 1778. After the massacre her husband withdrew from the valley with the remnant of the Continental force, taking her with him on horseback, they making their way across the wilderness to Connecticut. She returned three years later to Wyoming, where she died in 1781 of a prevailing fever. They had only one child, Capt. Zebulon Butler. Charles Miner says of the son: "Of dark complexion, his black eye, when cheerfully animated, was brilliant and pleasing. He was handsome and from his extremely fine form, he was eminently attractive. His step was elastic but firm, his head erect, his carriage noble. In command of his company on parade he looked every inch a man. Honorable, generous, high spirited he seemed to pant for a wider field and more exciting scenes of action. He was cut off in the prime of life and his numerous and interesting family are widely scattered." Capt. Zebulon Butler, Jr., married Jemima, daughter of Jabez Fish. (See Historical Record, vol. 7, page 126.)

Children of Capt. Zebulon and Jemima (Fish) Butler:

Burton Butler, b. Dec. 3, 1799, m. Martha Kendall. Children: Robert, Zebulon, Lydia.

Lydia Butler, b. Mar. 8, 1801, m. Isaac Stoddart. Children: Rebecca, Butler, John, Henry, Harriet, Louise, Ashton, Arnot, Amanda, Lydia, Emma, Sarah.

Sarah Butler, b. Oct. 5, 1802, m. Samuel Curtis. Children: Zebulon, Chester, Edward, Martin.

Harriet Butler, b. Aug. 19, 1806, m. Joseph L. Silver. Children: Mary Butler Silver, Joseph Silver, Frank Silver, Charles Silver, Marcus Silver, George Silver.

Ann Butler, b. July 4, 1808, m. Rev. Joseph Castle, D. D. Children: Theodore Butler Castle, A. Dana Castle, Wm. Henry Castle, Joseph C. Castle, John Durbin Castle.

John Butler, b. April 14, 1812, m. Elizabeth ———. Children: Henry and Sarah.

Houghton Butler, b. May 2, 1810, m. Sophia Dibble. One child, Otis.

Welles Butler, b. Apr. 17, 1812, m. ———. Children: Fanny, Samuel Weller, Joseph and Henry.

Sylvina Mallory Butler, b. Mar. 27, 1816, m. Marcus G. Heilner. Children: Percy Butler Heilner, Walter Silver Heilner, Marcus Butler Heilner, Laura Sylvina Heilner and George Corson Heilner.

(66) BELCHER JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Hesckiah*<sup>5</sup> *Abner*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. at Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 25, 1767, d. at Salisbury, N. Y., June 20, 1837, m. Hannah, daughter of Reynolds and Mary (Rathbun) Cahoon, a descendant of William Cahoon, a native of Scotland, and of the ancient clan of Colquhoun, whose lands lay on the west of Loch Lomond in Dunbartonshire. He emigrated to America and in 1669 signed the agreement and became a citizen of Swansea, R. I. He was probably the William Cahoon who was buried in Swansea, together with eight others, June 24, 1675, being the nine persons killed by the Indians. (N. E. Register, v. 52, p. 145.)

John Rathbun, the great-great-grandfather of Hannah Cahoon, was one of the first settlers of Block Island, being one of the sixteen purchasers of the island, April, 1661.

Belcher Johnson having received from his father his proportion of his estate soon after he was of age, removed to New York State and purchased lands in the town of Salisbury, Herkimer County, it being a part of the tract called the "Royal Grant" made by King George III to Sir William Johnson, and which was confiscated after the Revolution. On this farm he lived all his life, having erected a handsome and commodious house, which is still standing half a mile east of Salisbury Centre. His family consisted of three sons and five daughters: Caleb, b. 1799, d. 1875, m. Ann Munhall. Horace, b. 1799, d. 1885, m. Eliza Pratt. William R., M. D., b. 1816, d. 1892, m. Mary Ann Delemater. Hannah, m. Emmet Vosburgh. Sarah, m. Cornelius Lambertson. Sophia, d. while at school at Cazenovia Seminary. Sophionia, m. James Ferguson. Almona, m. George Arne.

Horace Johnson, son of Belcher, b. at Salisbury, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1799, d. at Boonville, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1885, m. April



3, 1822, Eliza, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Rice) Pratt of Salisbury, N. Y. About 1823 he settled at Constableville, Lewis County, N. Y., and engaged in the tanning business. He soon became prominent in all local affairs; was elected Justice of the Peace and afterwards Associate Justice of Lewis County. He was several times Supervisor of the town and Postmaster. He was commissioned Lieutenant and Captain in the State Militia by Governor De Witt Clinton in 1826.

Horace's children were:

- i Elizabeth, b. Oct. 13, 1825, m. D. H. Ainsworth, civil engineer, graduate of Geneva College.
- ii Sarah, b. Mar. 29, 1829, d. Mar. 21, 1864, m. Dec. 17, 1857, Danforth H. Ainsworth (who afterwards married Elizabeth).
- iii Henry William, b. Mar. 15, 1831, d. May 8, 1875, m. Ellen B., daughter of George W. Welles of Brooklyn. Had several children.
- iv Augusta, b. May 18, 1833, d. Sept. 8, 1882, m. Hon. Theodore Hawley of Fort Dodge, Iowa, graduate of Hamilton College.
- v Franklin Constantine, b. June 23, 1835, d. May 20, 1896, m. Mary Eliza, daughter of Col. D. R. Murray of Cloverport, Ky. He was educated at Rome Academy. Settled at New Albany, Ind. He was Councilman of the City of New Albany, State Senator from Floyd and Clark counties, Commissioner to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, also to the International Exposition at Paris in 1878, where he was chosen a member of the International Jury. He had conferred upon him the decoration of "The Legion of Honor of France." Children: Eliza, Franklin H., Albert S.
- vi Stephen Albert Johnson<sup>6</sup> (Horace<sup>7</sup>, Belcher<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>5</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. May 23, 1840, and resides at Boonville, N. Y., m. June 26, 1866, Emeline, daughter of Schuyler C. and Verlona (Babbitt) Thompson. Is now senior member of the firm of S. C. Thompson & Co., bankers, of Boonville, N. Y. Being in Philadelphia when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the 3rd, afterwards the 72nd, Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after passing through several battles, was wounded at Antietam and afterwards honorably discharged. In 1863 he was appointed captain of a company in the 8th Indiana Legion and served in the field throughout the Morgan campaign. His children were: Franklin Constantine, b. April 26, 1869, d. Jan. 6, 1895, at Nice, France. William Schuyler, b. June 9, 1870, m. Laura Mary, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. LaFayette Rinkle. He is assistant cashier of S. C. Thompson & Co.'s Bank. Florence Augusta, b. Jan. 11, 1876, m. Egerton Ryerson Williams, Jr., attorney-at-law, resides at Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. S. Albert Johnson died at Los Angeles, May 15, 1904.

(74) OVID FRAZER JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jehoiada*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 25, 1807, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., d. Feb. 12, 1853. He became a member of the Luzerne Bar, removing in 1833 to Harrisburg, where he soon took a lead-

ing position, both as a lawyer and as a political writer. He was the author of a series of essays called "Governor's Papers," published at Harrisburg in the Keystone newspaper, purporting to come from Governor Ritner to his cabinet at the capitol and by turning the administration into ridicule before the people, he did more to break down the old Whig ascendancy and to promote the election of David R. Porter than any other man in the party. He also figured conspicuously in the so-called Buckshot War of that period. Governor Porter made Mr. Johnson his attorney general, he being at that time 32 years of age and the youngest man who had ever occupied the office of attorney general, which office he held during both terms of that administration. To quote further from a writer who knew him well: "His opinions were held in high estimation by the governor and he contributed in no small degree to the success of that administration. He was a giant in intellect and attained as high a position at the bar as any other lawyer that Luzerne has ever produced. He associated on intimate terms with Webster, Choate, Clayton and others of national repute during his official career and always proved himself fellow to the proudest in this bright galaxy of talent and won golden opinions for the way in which he conducted the case of Prigg vs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the Supreme Court of the United States, one of the first to be adjudicated of those unfortunate color cases, which with the Dred Scott case at a later period, precipitated the War of Secession." Some time previous to 1850 he identified himself with a revolutionary movement by which the northern States of Mexico were to be detached from the mother country and the Republic of Sierra Madre established, with a view of ultimate annexation to the United States. The invaders, a couple of hundred in number, crossed the Rio Grande and attacked the Mexican force. The Mexicans were victorious and Mr. Johnson was severely wounded, he then leaving the field and the country in disgust. Hon. Hendrick B. Wright wrote of him in a local paper: "When I was a boy in the old school house on the Public Square, I was in the same class with Ovid F. He was a man of much intelligence. He became a leading man in the State; was attorney general under Governor Porter. Ovid and myself studied law under the late

excellent Judge Conyngham, in 1829 and '30. We were admitted to the Bar in November, 1831, and commenced the practice of the law together in November, 1831, under the firm name of Johnson & Wright."

Ovid F. Johnson married (July 28, 1835,) Jane Alricks<sup>6</sup> (*James<sup>5</sup>, Hermanus<sup>4</sup>, Wessels<sup>3</sup>, Pieter<sup>1</sup>*), and they resided at Harrisburg. She was born January —, 1813 at Oakland Mills, Juniata Co., Pa., and died at Harrisburg, December 21, 1901.

(Penna. Genealogies, v. 1, p. 22.) Children:

Fanny Alricks Johnson, m. Hon. Samuel T. Shugert, Bellefonte.  
Hannah Ianthe Johnson.  
Martha Alricks.  
Ovid Fraser Johnson, lawyer, Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

A biographical sketch of Ovid F. Johnson appears in Dr. Egle's History of Dauphin County, p. 508. See also pamphlet of Dr. William H. Egle on the Buckshot War.

(75) MARY GIDDINGS JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jehoiada<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. Nov. 3, 1809, d. Nov. 12, 1880. Married Charles Reel. Children (Reel), all of Wilkes-Barre: Miles, Helen Marr, Diantha, Frances (Dolly), Benjamin F. Reel. Both sons served in the Civil War.

(76) JEHOIADA JOHNSON (*Jehoiada<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born Jan. 20, 1812, and died Dec. 31, 1871, at the old homestead in present Parsons Borough. In 1834, at the age of 22, he enlisted in the regular army—Co. I, First Regular Dragoons—and served five years during the Seminole and Texas wars. He married Priscilla Scovel. Children: Harriet Scovel Johnson, Emily Wright Johnson (who m. Judson Wheeler and had two children) and Thomas M. Johnson. All of Parsons, Pa., old Laurel Run.

(77) WILLIAM PERRY JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jehoiada<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. March 14, 1814, d. Jan. 26, 1893, Dallas, Pa. Farmer, School Director and Justice of the Peace. Married Eliza Roderick, who died Feb. 3, 1901. Children: Wesley Johnson, 2nd (who had a son Andrew), Jane, wife of Emanuel Sinclair; George Frazer Johnson.

Robert H. Johnson (had daughter Clara) and Sarah, wife of Clayton J. Ryman (had daughter Eliza).

(78) MILES JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jehoiada*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. March 16, 1816, d. Oct. 6, 1889, in California. He learned the cabinet making trade, but not finding the business to his liking he shipped as carpenter on a Nantucket whaling vessel, making a three years' cruise round the world. After the cruise he returned to Wilkes-Barre and was engaged in business for a time in mining and shipping coal. After disposing of his real estate at Laurel Run, the present Borough of Parsons, which subsequently became of immense value by reason of underlying coal deposits, he in 1847 emigrated to Green Lake County, Wisconsin, purchasing a fine farm on the beautiful Green Lake prairie. Soon after he married Philomena (born Nov. 23, 1830), a daughter of Spencer Burlingame. In 1851 he returned to Wilkes-Barre and engaged successfully in the manufacture and sale of furniture. He was again seized with a determination to move westward and in the spring of 1858 set out on the long journey with his wife and four children in a canvas-topped wagon. After crossing the Alleghanies, steamer travel was taken advantage of at Pittsburg and by descending the Ohio and sailing up the Mississippi he reached Missouri, where he located near the town of Mexico. In three years' time he had a fine farm under cultivation and a comfortable home. Then came the troublous times incident to the breaking out of the Civil War. Surrounded on every side by Southern sympathizers he soon found himself a marked man, his life and property unsafe. The institution of slavery then flourished on every side and this he found distasteful. Refusing to employ slaves he was known as an Abolitionist and his presence was no longer permissible. Seeing that a peaceful residence in his new home was impossible, in the spring of 1861 he sacrificed everything, and again putting his family into a "prairie schooner" he joined a party of emigrants and started toward the setting sun. Six months of daily travel amid dangers from storm and flood, hostile Indians and reckless men, at last brought the party to the land of gold, just as the great mining excitement was dying out and before the agricultural

era began. He lived for a time in northern California and a while in San Francisco, where he followed his trade of cabinet maker, but most of the remainder of his life was spent in the interior of the State following agricultural pursuits. His death occurred at Lathrop, Cal., Oct. 6, 1889.

Children of Miles Johnson, all living in California:

- i Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 16, 1848, m. Aug. 7, 1866, Amasa M. Bullock. Children: Annie E., Walter M., Sarah M. (m. Walter M. Bird), Orin, Amasa, Helen M., Paul R., Fred D., George W., Laurie H.
- ii Walter Miles Johnson, b. Dec. 8, 1849, m. Ella Langdon. Children: Wells B., Charles L., Anna B. (m. Franklin E. Richards), Helen Mar (m. Cornelius A. Orr), Genevieve, Miles F., Dale Spencer, Alice E., Walter R., Omer, Robert A., Gladys K.
- iii Willis Alanson Johnson, b. June 18, 1852, d. Oct. 11, 1853.
- iv Welles Butler Johnson, b. May 11, 1854, m. Jan. 16, 1890, Augusta Eugenia Leach, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Children: Dorothy, Lois, Jessie.
- v Omer Hamlin, b. Sept. 24, 1856, d. Jan. 9, 1857.
- vi Helen May, b. Nov. 18, 1857, m. Sept. 30, 1886, William James Robinson. Children: Bethbira T., Willard J. Live at Lodi, Calif.
- vii Cynthia Metzgar Johnson, b. June 11, 1860, m. John P. Atwood.
- viii Frank Burlingame Johnson, b. Aug. 19, 1863, d. Feb. 12, 1864.
- ix Jessie Bell Johnson, b. June 4, 1866, m. William R. Parsons.
- x Alice Nina, b. Jan. 12, 1869.
- xi Blanche Estelle, b. July 31, 1871, m. Miller Scott.

(79) SARAH ANN JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Ichoiada*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>, b. March 18, 1824, m. Henry Colt Wilson, who was b. at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 17, 1818, and d. Feb. 13, 1892, at Mount Vernon, O., where he was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Wilson died at Columbus April 20, 1903. Children (Wilson), all residing at Columbus, O.:

- i Edwin Frazer Wilson, A. B., A. M., M. D., b. at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., prominent physician at Columbus, O. Graduated from Kenyon College 1882, and from medical department of University of Pennsylvania 1885. Professor of Therapeutics, Electro-Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, Ohio Medical University; Physician to the Protestant Hospital, Counseling Physician of Hawkes Hospital, Physician in Chief Columbus Sanitarium, Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine, Member of the American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Society, and Columbus Academy of Medicine. Married Elizabeth Cordelia, daughter of Col. Samuel Thompson, Columbus. They had one son, Samuel Thompson Wilson, b. 1899, and a daughter, Sarah, d. 1903. Dr. Wilson d. at Columbus Aug. 18, 1902, aged 45 years.
- ii Henrietta Martha, b. in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- iii Stella Shoemaker, b. in Mt. Vernon, O., graduated from Cook Co. Normal School of Chicago in 1890. Principal of High School, Falls City, Neb., 1892. At present head of the Science Department at Central High School, Columbus, Ohio.

- iv Ida M., b. at Mt. Vernon, O., graduated M. D. from Ohio Medical University of Columbus, class of 1896. Member of Columbus Academy of Medicine, Charlotte Medical Society, Charlotte, N. C.

(80) PRIESTLEY R. JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jehoiada*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 20, 1819, d. July 5, 1878, at Wilkes-Barre. He was reared upon the ancestral farm near Wilkes-Barre, where he and his twin brother, Wesley, were born. As a member of a firm composed of George Knapp, Gould P. Parrish and himself, he established the first extensive manufactory of powder kegs by machinery in this region. The business was successfully conducted for ten years. He was for some years engaged in the stove and hardware business in Wilkes-Barre and served for some years as Street Commissioner with unusual acceptability.

Hendrick B. Wright wrote of him:

"It was at a remote day that I became acquainted with Priestley, a boy then of some ten or twelve years of age. Ovid invited me to visit the family at Laurel Run. Priestly and his brother were setting their nets on the banks of Mill Creek, to catch wild pigeons. I have a distinct recollection of young Priestley. He was a bright, intelligent looking lad. From that time to the day of his death, I knew him well and intimately. And it affords me much pleasure to say that in all that time he was a good and exemplary citizen. Sober, honest and upright in his dealings. Priestley R. Johnson was in the third generation of his family, from the time of the Wyoming settlement—and all of the family through three generations, two of which I can testify to, were all men of sound judgment; and men of industry and good social habits."

The Leader spoke of him:

His father died while he was yet a child of tender years; and he grew to manhood on the farm of his ancestors, where he and other brothers continued to cultivate the soil and win a scanty subsistence for the family of younger children by persistent and diligent labor. Fortunate for him, he had a mother to impart lessons of virtue, morality and economy, in the good old Scottish way of her fathers, lessons which, being once fixed in the memory of youth, will never be departed from. Early in life he married Sarah, a daughter of Simon Monega, a soldier who followed the fortunes of the great Napoleon on nearly all the bloody fields of Europe during that warlike period.

Children of Priestley R. and Sarah Johnson:

- i Henry Frazer Johnson, m. Elizabeth Ely. Children: Harriet, Henry F. Jr., Priestley R., Sarah H., Taylor Baird, Dr. John Ely, Howard Yardley, Frederick Corss.
- ii Franklin Pierce Johnson, m. Martha Reinhart, Mount Vernon, O., and had one son, Robert M., who married Mary Mann.
- iii Hannah Elizabeth.
- iv Mary A.

(81) WESLEY JOHNSON<sup>6</sup> (*Jchoiada*<sup>5</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>4</sup>, *Jacob*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec. 20, 1819, and died at Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 27, 1892. The following with some additions is taken from the Wilkes-Barre Record's obituary notice:

He received his schooling at the old Wilkes-Barre Academy, and at the age of 23 (1841) he went to Philadelphia and entered the office of his brother, the then Attorney General, Ovid F. Johnson, when after a course of four years' reading, he was admitted to the bar of that city and subsequently to the Luzerne Bar. He never took kindly to the law as a profession, but pursued the study of its elementary principles more as a philosophical student of a noble science than as being the means of obtaining a livelihood. It was a desire to avoid litigation rather than to reap personal gain by becoming a party to it, that probably had much to do with weaning him from practice as a lawyer. Those who knew him best say he had a well grounded knowledge of the law, and had it not been distasteful, there is no reason why he should not have shone as an advocate. He was preeminently a man of peace. He never provoked a quarrel and he always turned away when a quarrel threatened, so as not to be drawn into it.

He never held any important public office in his native town, but while pursuing his studies as a law student, he accepted an appointment of U. S. Inspector of Customs. In 1845, after the annexation of Texas, he emigrated to the new State, and after spending a summer traveling over various parts of the country, he went south to join the army of invasion, intending to go with Gen. Scott's forces to the capital of Mexico, but he was obliged to desist in consequence of failing health, and proceeded no further than Tampico. He practiced law for a time at Galveston. Having letters from leading Philadelphians he had access to prominent people and had unusual opportunities for acquiring information of the country. In 1874 he contributed to the Wilkes-Barre Record a series of sketches reminiscent of his experiences in Texas and Mexico. Among other facts noted was that his brother Ovid figured in a plot with certain Mexican officers to incite the northern States of Mexico to rebellion and annex them to the United States.

He returned to his old home and was engaged in business for a couple of years, but this quiet life did not suit his adventurous disposition. In 1849 Wisconsin was assuming prominence as a rapidly developing region and Mr. Johnson joined the throng of Eastern pioneers who were hastening thither. The Fox River was then an inviting point, as it promised to become an important government canal, which was to connect the Mississippi River with the great lakes. Though the subsequent development of railroads shattered the day dream of the canal projectors, yet the movement went a great way in planting the region with a hardy band of pioneers who made Wisconsin one of the richest of our Commonwealths. Mr. Johnson settled in Marquette County, on the border of the "Indian land," and was elected clerk of the circuit and county courts. At Marquette in 1852 he married Cynthia Henrietta Green, whose father and brothers had emigrated from Vermont and who had a leading part in developing that region. Mr. Johnson returned to Wilkes-Barre with his wife and infant son in 1853. He never afterwards practiced his profession, but engaged in mercantile pursuits and continued an active worker till his place was burned out in the Market street fire of 1866. He was subsequently in the flour and grain business till 1872, when finding the labor too excessive he was compelled to retire from active trade.

After his retirement from active business he was for several years elected Alderman of the Fourth Ward without opposition. His rulings were considered models of fairness. He did not encourage litigation, even to earn fees, and many hundreds of cases that came to him were through his advice terminated by private

settlement without resort to the courts. He also held several positions of trust, such as City Auditor, Judge of Election, etc.

He was one of the projectors of the Wyoming Centennial of 1878 and was the secretary of the Commemorative Association from its inception to the day of his death. His compilation, the memorial volume, is one of the standard annals in the local history of the Wyoming region.

Mr. Johnson was by politics a Democrat, though not strongly partisan. In matters of national politics he voted with his party, but on local issues he knew no party ties. During the Civil War, when the Democracy was divided, he was for the Union and when Lee invaded Pennsylvania Mr. Johnson responded to the call for home guard volunteers and hastened to the front.

Gentle in manner and considerate of others, he was conspicuously a silent man. Not given to much talking, he was ever a good listener. Possessed of an inquiring and analytical mind and a retentive memory he had a large fund of information on a range of subjects. His powers of observation were good and he had a literary taste that enabled him to write the most graceful articles descriptive of travel or other matters which interested him. All the local papers printed articles from his pen. In his early life he loved to peruse and memorize the better poets and as a result he was able to draw upon an extensive fund of classical quotations. Some graceful verses of poetry have been written by him—in short, he had the pen of a ready writer.

The Wilkes-Barre Leader made the following editorial reference to his death and also gave an extensive obituary:

The ranks of the older inhabitants of the City of Wilkes-Barre have been much thinned by death of late. One more was added to the list this morning, when Wesley Johnson finally succumbed to a complicated ailment of long standing.

Comparatively few knew that deceased had been a member of the legal profession for nearly half a century, for of recent years he had not practiced in open court, choosing, rather, less exacting and exciting employments in other directions, employments better fitted to his gradually but surely waning physical strength. Yet he was well read in the law and a discreet adviser. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman, always mindful of the obligations of his citizenship, devoted to his family and a good neighbor.

He will be remembered chiefly because of the interest he always took in matters of local history and his prominent identification with movements designed to perpetuate the patriotic memories of the valley's past. In data bearing upon these topics he was strongly fortified, both by a remarkably retentive memory and careful reading. By his co-workers in this much neglected but important line of endeavor his loss will be deeply felt.

All who knew him respected and esteemed him for his many excellent qualities and his pronounced but remarkably unassuming character.

Wesley Johnson was twice married, first to Cynthia Henrietta Green, Marquette, Wis., May 12, 1852. She was born in Vermont, March 13, 1827, and died at Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 30, 1855. Her parents were David Sands Green and Mary (Tuttle) Green of the Weare (N. H.) Greens. Wesley and Cynthia Johnson had two children—Frederick C. Johnson, b. 1853, and Zebulon Butler Johnson, born Feb. 3, 1855, who died same year. During that same year Mr. Johnson was also bereft of his mother and his brother Ovid.



Wesley Johnson's second wife, whom he married in 1856, was Frances, widow of Frederick McAlpine. She died April 21, 1888, aged 73 years. They had one child, Margaret Colt Johnson, b. July 7, 1857, d. Nov. 30, 1860. Mrs. Johnson was the only daughter of Seth Wilson, an old resident of Wilkes-Barre, and she was born in 1815. Her mother was Rebecca, a daughter of Abel Yarrington, one of the pioneers of the valley. Another daughter of Mr. Yarrington was the wife of Arnold Colt, whose daughter, Temperance, married Pierce Butler, and another, Julia, was the wife of Hon. Andrew Beaumont. Another, Mary, was the wife of Sharp D. Lewis, Esq. Deceased first married Frederick McAlpine, who died in 1854, leaving a son and daughter, Andrew W. McAlpine, (died 1900), and Lizzie M. McAlpine.

Frederick Charles Johnson<sup>7</sup> (son of (81) Wesley Johnson) was born at Marquette, Green Lake Co., Wisconsin, March 2, 1853. He attended the public schools in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, and took a partial course at Ripon College, Wisconsin, with the class which graduated in 1873. Beginning with 1871 he had a business training of about ten years in Wilkes-Barre, meanwhile contributing to local papers and doing special correspondence from the coal region for the Chicago Tribune. He also spent part of the year 1881 in Chicago on the reportorial staff of the Tribune, and was for many years after on its list of correspondents. He took a three years' course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1883, but instead of engaging in practice he took up journalism, purchasing the Wilkes-Barre Record in partnership with J. C. Powell.

For several years he served on the committee appointed by the State Board of Public Charities to inspect the public institutions of Luzerne County and he also served in 1902 as prison commissioner under appointment of the court. In 1904 he was selected by the Republican State Convention as a presidential elector for the Eleventh Congressional District. At the reunion of the class of 1883 (Medical Department) on the occasion of its 20th anniversary in Philadelphia that duty was discharged during the ensuing year. Aside from Dr. Johnson was invited to prepare a class history and

from his newspaper duties he has found time for the preparation of numerous historical and genealogical articles and he has translated many specimens of German poetry into English. Dr. Johnson was married in 1885 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Miss Georgia Post of Knoxville, Tenn. They have three children—Ruth<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1887; Frederick G., b. Oct. 22, 1890, and Margaret, b. June 20, 1899. Both Dr. Johnson and his wife are descended from the Weare (N. H.) Greens.

The Greens were Quakers. Isaiah settled in Weare, N. H., in 1768. Isaiah had nine children. Of these David was the ancestor of F. C. Johnson and Elisha was the ancestor of Mrs. F. C. Johnson. "History of Weare."

Elisha<sup>2</sup> (Isaiah<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1762, died 1826. He married Abigail Gove. Among their five children, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, b. 1792, d. 1884 in Wisconsin, was the father of Harriet E. Green (who married J. H. Post) and grandfather of Mrs. F. C. Johnson.

David Green<sup>2</sup> (Isaiah<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1766, died 1836. He and his brother Elisha married two Gove sisters. David's son, David Sands Green<sup>3</sup>, was the grandfather of F. C. Johnson and died in Wisconsin in 1870.

Children of David Sands Green<sup>3</sup> all lived in Wisconsin:

Gardner Green, b. 1823 at Weare, N. H.

David M. Green, b. 1825 at Lincoln, Vt., d. in Wisconsin, 1894.

Cynthia H. Green, b. 1827 at Lincoln, Vt., d. 1855.

Jesse Tuttle Green, b. 1829 at Lincoln, Vt., d. 1904.

Charles Green, b. 1836, d. 1843.

Mrs. F. C. Johnson's paternal grandfather was Stephen Titus Post, born in 1818 at Rome, N. Y., and a son of Gilbert and Elizabeth (Titus) Post. His wife was Angelina Mosher of Rochester, N. Y. Stephen lived in New York, Wisconsin and Tennessee. Children: Joseph H., Knoxville; Matilda E. Van Fossen, Dunsmuir, Calif.; Frank H., Phebe Jane Barton, Knoxville, Tenn.; Kittie A. Goff, Maryville, Tenn.



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